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SUBJECT: IRAQI REACTION TO ISRAELI RAID ON LEBANON

1. IRAQI MEDIA GAVE FULL CREDENCE TO PALESTINIAN ACCUSATIONS OF U. S. COMPLICITY WITH ISRAEL IN BEIRUT RAID AND RIDICULED USG ATTEMPTS TO DENY IT. LARGE PUBLIC MOCK FUNERAL FOR THREE FATAH LEADERS ON APRIL 12 WAS APPARENTLY FIRST SUCH DEMONSTRATION ALLOWED IN TWO YEARS. DEMONSTRATION WAS, HOWEVER, HIGHLY ORGANIZED AND TIGHTLY SUPERVISED BY SECURITY FORCES.

2. COMMENT: EXTREME IRAQI REACTION TO THIS INCIDENT RESULTS FROM DEEPLY FELT HUMILIATION OVER ISRAELI CAPABILITY TO PULL OFF SUCH A DARING FEAT WITH IMPUNITY. IT WAS, THEREFORE, OUT OF QUESTION FOR REGIME TO ADMIT ISRAELIS DID IT WITHOUT ASSISTANCE OF GREAT POWER. IN PSYCHOLOGICAL ATMOSPHERE OF BAGHDAD
TRUE SPECIFICS OF INDIVIDUAL INCIDENTS ARE OF LITTLE IMPORTANCE, SINCE EVEN NON- BAATH, PRO- WESTERN IRAQIS ARE CONVINCED OF UNRESTRAINED NATURE OF U. S. MILITARY AND POLITICAL SUPPORT FOR
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